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In re Patent Application of )  
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Serial No. 10/034,498 ) Group Art Unit: 2824  
Filed: 01/03/02 ) Examiner: Bradley Smith  
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING )  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE )

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF  
ALLOWED CLAIMS

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Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Notice of Allowability and Issue  
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The Notice of Allowability lists the allowed claims to be 1, 3, 13-16, 18, 19 and  
33-39. Applicants believe that the allowed claims should actually be 1, 3, 13-16, 18, 19  
and 34-39 as claim 33 was cancelled in the amendment filed April 5, 2004 (marked as  
received by the PTO on April 7, 2004). The Examiner is requested to clarify which  
claims were actually allowed.

If a conference would be beneficial in expediting the prosecution of the instant  
application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a  
conference.

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